



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CYSTIC FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Thousands of Americans, including many Georgians, are impacted by cystic fibrosis, a life-threatening, genetic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system; and
- WHEREAS: Cystic fibrosis is progressive illness and may cause persistent lung infections. The disease may also limit a person's breathing due to a thick buildup of mucus in the airways, as well as the pancreas; and
- WHEREAS: Symptoms of cystic fibrosis vary, but commonly include coughing, lung congestion and infections, shortness of breath, and stunted development; and
- WHEREAS: Diagnoses and treatments of cystic fibrosis have advanced over the years. However, many individuals still lose their battle with cystic fibrosis at an early age, requiring greater support and research to find more effective treatments and an eventual cure; and
- WHEREAS: Local, state, and national organizations are working to both discover a cure for cystic fibrosis and improve the quality of life for people living with the disease. As a result of these continued efforts, the life expectancy of a child with cystic fibrosis has doubled in the past 30 years and research to find a cure has advanced; and
- WHEREAS: Through the dedicated work of these organizations, such as the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, those with cystic fibrosis may now live into their 30s and beyond. The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has invested more than \$7 million in Georgia for research and care initiatives. Georgia's commitment to citizens with cystic fibrosis is essential in securing additional clinical trials for the state's research hospitals, as well as the treatments necessary for individuals to live longer, healthier lives; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as CYSTIC FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 28th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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